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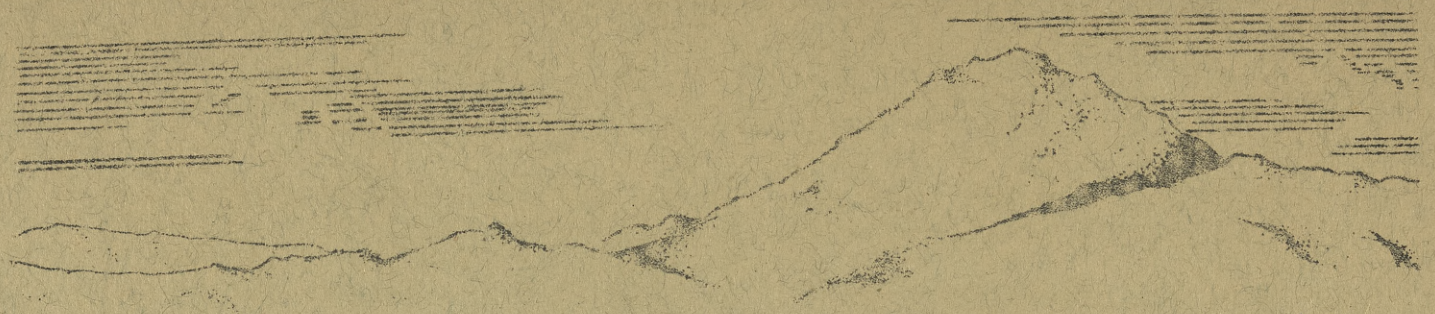

CAHUILLA NEWS LETTER

SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 5 S, RANGE 5E, S B MERIDIAN

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MEETING-CAHUILLA IMPROVEMENT ASSN.
Sunday, Feb. 23 One P.M.
Irwin Mayer House.

This meeting was called by the committee that was elected on Nov. 10. The committee was formed for the purpose of investigating methods of improving roads, securing water, or discovering methods of improving conditions in section 36.
Mr. Harry Franklin was elected chairman. Mr. chairman has worked long and hard to set up a group of by-laws to be submitted to the people.
The purpose is to secure an organization of the residents of the section.
All land owners for whom an address is available will be notified.
People who can manage are urged to be present.
This is the only way the majority can express their will.
People who cannot be present should express their will (vote) by proxy.
I want a set organization in Cahuilla----------Yes
No
I agree to pay any costs set up by said organization--Yes
No.
If a person does not vote, he cannot validly object to the results of a group meeting.

REACTIONS TO NEWSLETTER'S POLL regarding subjects that may be brought up.
Zoning--------Yes (5)
No (17)*
Don't care (12)
*Many people who were opposed to zoning are in favor to limiting the size of parcels to one Acre, minimum.
Several houses under construction in the section at this time, are below Land Office and County minimums in footage. There is no control.

LEAVE THE DESERT ALONE is the sentiment of Mr. Gabriel H. Newhouse. Most local people agree.

EXPLORATION OF WATER POSSIBILITIES BY NEWSLETTER has finally brought a positive response from a completely responsible source.
The chance of receiving water is excellent. It can be brought to the community and serviced by a public utility.

The cost is extremely high. Therefore, the time for decision is at hand.
A community water system in Apple Valley cost each resident $1200.
A proposed installation near Cabazon is assessing its members about $1000 each. (Five Acre tract).

Some land owners say,"I feel the cost would increase land values sufficiently to make the investment.
A very reliable resident said, "I could use a tank for twenty years, and it wouldn't cost that much."
A third resident said,"I came here because it was cheap. I cannot afford an investment like that no matter how it increases the value of my land. I object to being driven because of rising costs and increasing taxes."
A firm of reliable engineers is ready to meet with Cahuilla people, estimate the cost of a survey, and submit it to the wish of the people.

Is Cahuilla ready for water?
Can Cahuilla afford water?

Newsletter would like an expression of opinion.

RAIN MADE DEEP GULLIES IN THE ROADS. Lowest point was McGuire Turn. It was covered with water for two days.
The low dip in Cholla Trail near Thompson's house was impassable. Martin and Pat Thornton worked on it until it is now in fair condition.
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"WE WANT HORSES" is the loud and resounding cry of many people in Section 36.
There is a wide difference of opinion regarding control of sanitation, but several people have mentionedthat the low gullies where it would be unsafe to build a house are ideal for animal sheds, food storage, and other needs.
Those who complained about the horse object to the odor, to flies and the fact that it is very close to eating, sleeping and recreation areas.
A policy of mutual forbearance, of good old fashioned courtesy would eliminate much of the discomfort.
Neighbors report that the accumulation of refuse has been cleared away. The cool weather and the rain has helped to eliminate flies.

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(The roads, cont.) Newsletter was unable to get in touch with Mr. Wurst, of the road committee.
Mr. Franklin and Mr. Thornton agreed that it was advisable to scrape the road, fill holes and remove debris while it was still possible to take advantage of the rain-soaked ground to get the road back in condition.

WILL THE HENDRICKSONS GET TV?
Pat and Alton brought down a TV set before they turned on their electricity. Martin Thornton says they can get reception.
Many full-time residents are eager to know.
Miss Orange(County) Robertson was a guest of the Hendricksons during their recent visit.
Peg Hoffman reports that son Flip arrived home from Australia last week, and is off to Acupulco for rest and relaxation. He didn't have time to see his lovely new house.
"That Flip has the right formula for living," says TBM Allen Schaak. "He's having fun while he is young enough to enjoy life."
(Maybe they have a point.)

Where are the Perrymans? Report says they were in Section 36. The chairs were out, and the gate chain was down, but no sign of our nice Seattle neighbors.
Probably they were busy with the Seattle crowd in the desert.
Licenses from Washington, Oregon and Canada almost outnumber the local licenses.
This is the time to visit the desert. The thermometer may show the same temperature as the city, with lower temperatures at night. The sun is warm ."'SWonderful."

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Murphy made a farewell visit to Cahuilla before leaving for their new home in Falls Church, Va.
They will stop at Texas en route to visit relatives.

Mr. & Mrs. William Van Alten and family have leased the house for two years.

Mrs. Nelly (Henderson is the house guest of Mr. & Mrs. Herman Henderson.

Four generations of the Peron family were guests of Harry Franklin in the desert recently.
Great grandfather pronounces Cahuilla the prettiest place he has seen in many years.

Noises shake Cactus Shack to it's foundations. Jet plane? Dynamite? Explorer? Sputnik? They decided to call it a mild earthquake.
The rumble lasted for a few moments after what sounded like an actual impact.

SEASHELLS IN THE DESERT? Lovely, delicate bleached shells were gathered by Mrs. Elizabeth Hartley and Mrs. Art Walb on an "off the beaten path" expedition recently. The Geology books tell that this valley was ocean bottom, and it is not unusual to find shells of small sea life imbedded in rocks. These are free shells. Mrs. Walb says that thousands of them are lying on the desert floor.
Mrs. Hartley, who is a retired teacher is spending some time with Dolly Ball at Pola Fillmore's house. Mrs. H. has travelled extensively, and has many lovely pictures of her journeys.

Pola has been feeling ill recently. Her many friends hope that she will make a quick recovery.

Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Steen entertained Mr. & Mrs. Howard Jackson of Pasadena and daughters Josephine and Mary Jane.
Mary Jane planned to show them slides of her European tour.

The Gabriel H. Newhouse family came out on father's vacation to build their cabin. They arrived in time to set up cots and go to bed. They didn't bother to unpack the car.
Sunday night's downpour sent them crowding into the car.
Monday, mama and papa managed to nail together part of the framework, over which they stretched a borrowed tarpaulin. After dinner in the village, rain soaked tent and blankets. Motel.